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COUNTY FAIR TAKEN TO BENSON BY USE OF MANY \$1 BILLS

Cash Passed Out to Pay Fees of New Members Who Outvote West-Enders.

ELECTION NEAR BEING A RIOT

Sheriff and Deputies Take Charge of Angry Mob of Men at the Court House.

BENSON DIRECTORS' SLATE WINS

Crooked Politics Charged by Farmers Who Are Defeated.

WALSH EXPLAINS USE OF FUND

Benson Man Declares No Votes Bought, but Money Raised by Vollage to Pay Memberablp Fees.

Farmers from the west end of Douglas county were acquainted with the polltical methods of city-dwellers and suburbanites yesterday during the annual election of directors by the Douglas County Agricultural society, held at the court house. By the liberal use of money, the lively election was swung in favor of the Benson "slate," and that town was thereby assured of being the location

of the next county fair. The directors will formally choose the fair location, when they meet sometime next year, so the complexion of their board determines where the annual exhibition of live stock and farm produce shall be held. The last fair was held at Elkhorn, and the farmers and townspecple of Elkhorn, Waterloo, Valley and the west end of the county were anxious to have it there again next fall. Likewise, Benson, Florence and South Omaha were

Competition on the question became keen, and at the last minute, a bot fight seemed imminent, with the west-enders liable to win. So James A. Walsh, patriarch of Benson, ex-officio member of the county agricultural society's board of directors, and political generalissimo of his part of the world, railied his cohorts, financiaally speaking, and the result was a fat fund for the creation of new members at \$1 per member.

Each of them would pay his dollar as membership fee, and would have a vote in electing directors and indirectly deciding the location of the next fair. "Of Walsh explained, "it was underatood that the new members could vote just as they wished, but they would naturally recognize Bepson as the best place for the fair." So each new member was handed the Benson state along

Stack of Dollar Bills. before the meeting began. Several hundred new and old members of the society jammed the society's room in the basement of the courthouse, fighting to pay their \$1 membership fee and get a certificate or receipt, so they could vote. found that the fight over the fair loca- arrest. tion had resulted in 250 new members and the addition of \$350 to the treasury. Previously, there had been only 128 mem bers in the society. Secretary J. McArdle and Treasurer Lewis Henderson almost got writer's cramp from signing receipts for new membership fees,

Then the fun began. In an effort to beat the influx of Bensonites and other city and suburban men who would vote for the Benson candidates, the westenders started the meeting early. They had already adopted an amendment to the constitution, which practically disfranchised the east-enders, before the main body of the latter had paid their fees, and entered the criminal court room, where the meeting was held.

Amid scenes of wild confusion, and with farmers and city men jumping on the county's fine furniture with their nailed heels, while newcomers rapidly crowded the room, a motion to reconsider the resolution was made. Old-time farmer members of the society grew so wrathy they could hardly talk, and excitedly starpmered that the "city gang was buying the society." No order was possible in the face of the surging assemblage, which

might have become a mere mob, had not

Sheriff Felix McShane and a large squad

of his deputies been scattered through

the crowd to prevent personal encoun-President Charley Witte of Elkhorn finally declared that the motion to roconsider was carried, after he had succeeded in getting a rough division through the house. Appeals from his decision sharp allegations of "crooked politics" and finally a motion to lay the whole matter on the table, followed in rapid (Continued on Page Four, Column Five.)

The Weather

Porecast till 7 p. m. Sunday:

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Cloudy; not much change in tempera-Dmahn Yesterday, front



Highest yesterday
Lowest resterday
Mean temperature
Precipitation
Temperature and precitures from the normal:

RUSSIAN PRISONERS IN BRANDENBURG ON THE MARCH—One of the features of the great struggle on the east ern side of the European war is the large number of prisoners reported as being taken by both sides. The picture



shows a number of Russian prisoners, among them Cossacks, under guard of their German captors.

GOLDEN WEST' HELD

Miss Jessie Cope Arrested on Charge of Trying to Bribe U. S. Authorities.

OFFERED TO DIVIDE SPOILS

Alleged that Girl Approached Federnl Officer with Proposal to Extort Money from "Medern Alexander."

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie Côpe, complainant in the white blave indict-

When the smoke cleared away, it was is saipd to have formed the basis for her traity.

Miss Cope Arraigned. Miss Cope was taken into custody at a downtown hotel by L. C. Wheeler, a special agent of the Department of Justice. She was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mason this after-noon and held in bonds of \$5,000. Hearing was set for next Saturday.

"You are charged with attempted bribery," the commissioner informed the defendant. "And what am I to do?" she inquired Her demeanor was composed, Commissioner Mason explained the usual pro-

cedure and advised her to retain an at-"I really don't know what this is about." she commented.

Statement by Mr. Igoe. Assistant Attorney Igoe gave out th

following statement: "Upon the arrest of Colonel Charles Alexander at Providence yesterday the press reports declared that both he and his attorney charged the complainant, Miss. Cope, with attempted blackmail. Binton G. Clabaugh, division superintendent of the Department of Justice, has wired the attorney today for Alexander requesting any and all informa tion to support the arleged charge of blackmail. During the investigation of the complaint of Miss Cope by federal officials at Chicago suspicion as to her good faith in the matter existed. Miss Cope had many conferences with a Mr.

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GREAT BIG GIRL OF German Critic Takes Exception to Attitude of United States

BERLIN, Dec. 5,-(Via London.)-The | "Enough; these are business consideraattitude of the United States is com- tions, which naturally dominate the ideas mented upon by Count Ernest von Re-vention, the naval critic, in an article American commercial marine." in the Tageszellany today, in which he says that England and France are obtaining from America materials of war, of Deputies today (Friday), the Nord while Germany is not enjoying similar

Referring to the diplomatic discussion between the United States and England, justment of Europe, so far as its own concerning the holding up by British war- interests are involved, should make a ships of American cargoes as provisional great impression in Europe. contraband, Count von Reventiow says: "If England and France are willing to the newspaper, "that Italy's neutrality favor the United States as much as pos- is self-imposed and voluntary on its part.

assistance.

Stack of Dollar Hills.

A stack of \$1\$ bills two or three inches high was rapidly distributed from the county store room to prospective Benson slate voters by several Bensonities just that sum from Colonel Alexander.

It is charged that Miss Cope whose librar of dollars werth of war materials gains, then its policy of aloofness, maintained up to the present time, would no longer be binding.

"For the friends and allies of Italy." from woolen covers, shoes and horseshoes the Nord Deutsche Algemeine Zeitung Michael Igos, a former member of the up to collapsible submarines. litheis legislature and at present first marine, transported in parts, according no surprise. The Salandra cabinet is sure assistant in the office of the United to the trans-Atlantic viewpoint, does not to have the support of the majority of

ment against Colonel Charles Alexander, a milliomire of Providence, R. I., was a largested here this afternoon on a charge of attempted bribery.

White without departing from their policy for this reason, Italy has reserved the expense of right to act independently. Should describe this afternoon on a charge of attempted bribery.

States district attorney, is said to have constitute contraband of war, nor does the Italian parliament for this national pretended to fall in with the scheme in the fabrication thereof for the use of patriotic policy. Italy's allies realize fully order to obtain evidence. His testimony belligerents amount to a breach of neu-that the Italian kingdom could not be excluded from a European settlement."

Man Helped by the Salvation Army

Reciprocates with Money Saved

from Hard Labor.

Gives Half of it to the Work

Being Carried on by the

Salvation Army.

On last New Year's eve, Irwin, thinly

clad and in a half-starved condition, ap-

man helped about the place and made

himself so useful that the home became

his permanent residence. In the early

summer he thanked the captain for his

kindness and declared he would try to get

Appreciates Help.

of salvation and I hope that I may be in

a position some day to materially show

On August 2 Captain Kline received a

dated Geneva, Neb. Yesterday the man

appeared and turned over the sum above

mentioned to the captain. Irwin will

spend the winter at the home, already

has entered upon the work of the depart-

ment and is the busies man among the

"You never can tell when you help

Work at the home with Christmas but

usual vigor, and quantities of clothing

low next Saturday.

my gratitude."

heipers.

"Captain," he said, "I don't know how

family a good Christmas.

Commenting on the declaration o

Premier Salandra in the Italian Chamber

Robber Peppered BILL IRWIN GIVES With Bullets by a PROOF OF THANKS Quick Policeman

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5 .- An unidentified robber was shot and probably will die as the result of a bold attack on a special polleeman last night after he had held up two liquor establishments. The bandit is in an emergency hospital with bullets in his brain and body, while Irving M. Brown, the special policeman is uninjured. It was just after Peter Zigneau had been held up in his saloon and robbed of \$30, that Brown entered by a side door. The robber was just leaving "This fellow just held me up," Zig-

neau cried to Brown. "Yes, and I want you," said the robbes making a threatening advance toward Brown and reaching for his pistol. Brown was too quick, however, and three months' absence, in which he had shot the robber twice before the latter had time to fire.

A few minutes before a robber, apparently the same one, held up a bar a his own keep and instructed the captain block from Zigneau's. He took the bar- to use the other \$25 to give some poor tender and three patrons into the back yard at the point of a gun and departed \$60 the richer. While robbing these men the bandit remarked:

"Take a good look at me. This is my first job. I am hungry and must have

German Soldiers in Poland Told They Might Disband if Victorious

(Copyright, 1914, by Press Publishing Cor) curious tactical spectacle, with the Rus-PETROGRAD, Dec. 5.—(Special Cable- slans and Germans in alternate strips gram to New York World and Omaha' Bee.)-The general impression from all sides is that the Vistula-Warte fighting has been more severe than anything experienced before during this war on any

The Germans in the early conflict christened it "the imperial battle," for they had been impressed by the highest authority that upon their success depended the whole future of the war, and as reward for victory were promised they would be disbanded to their homes.

The Gormans still persist in their massed formations against rifle, Maxim corps had marched and fought continuor bayonet, and as a result their losses the Germans have lost two-thirds of their army in Poland.

during the fighting north of Lods. One made by means of motor traction. Over dred of just his type." Russian division held its ground against Polish roads in the autumn season the two German army corps and finally drove Germans find their methods bally handi- a few days in the future is progressing them back. But for the late arrival capped, whereas the Russians continuof one Russian army corps the battle ously improved their records as the men ing to the Army's call for aid with undays, it is said. would have finished in a complete Rus- got more and more hardened. sian victory a week ago. The strategic one corps covered twenty miles in one and merchandise are being brought daily position meant a complete German deday and thirty-six the next, and went to the industrial home. A big shipment feat, had all gone right. As it was, large into the fight on their arrival with an of linen for the armies of Europo has and the subsequent fighting has been a Germans, who had the worst of it.

covering a considerable area of the Polish to tell you what your friendship has done battle field. The Germans have siter- for men; the home has been a true haven nated furious attacks with retreats. The kalser's sons, Prince Oscar and Prince Joachim, are reported to have

escaped only by taking flight in an aero-If there was a point besides their war machinery upon which the Germans par-ticularly prided themselves it was their marching power. Yet even here the Russians have shown themselves immeasurably superior. The grant duke officially noted a while ago that some Russians ously for months, had taken fortified

positions and had covered more than 600 down-and-outer whether he is going to The Russians do their marching flat There were several critical moments foot, whereas the German records are will receive calls for aid from a hun-

BRITON BATTLESHIP REPORTED MISSING GERMANS CLOSE

Australian Battle Cruiser of Antipodean Dominion of Empire Cannot Be Found.

BERLIN HEARS SUCH IS CASE

Deutsche Allgemeine Zeltung says that Italy's attitude in reserving for itself the Wireless Message to Sayville Tells right to take a hand in the political readof Story of English Naval Loss Received by Italian Newspaper. "Premier Salandra made it clear," says

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—(By Wireless to Sayville, L. L)-Information given out to the press today by the German official press bureau says that, according to a report received by the Italian newspaper Corriere Della Sera, the Australian battle cruiser

Australia apparently is missing.

The Australia is a dreadnaught cruiser of 19,200 tons. It is 578 feet long, 79% feet beam and has a mean draft of 27% feet. It was built at Clydebank in 1912 and is capable of traveling twenty-six knots an

tralia was last reported in Hawaiian waters last September, when the Walson Navigation company steamer Wilhelmins picked up a wireless message from the dreadnaught saying that it was in full chase of the German cruiser Nuremberg

Kaiser Prohibits Making Pictures of Ruins Caused by War

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5 .- (Via London.)-The German military authorities at Ant-INTO HARVEST FIELD werp, says the correspondent of the Tyd in that city, have prohibited the photographing of the ruins there, by means Comes Back with Fifty Dollars and

of the following proclamation: "Whoever, without permission, photographs the ruins caused by the war, or distributes or sells such photoes, or displays in windows, postcards or illus-Bill Irwin, a former helper at the Sal- trated papers displaying such photovation Army Industrial home, appeared graphs, will be punished by a maximum fine of 5,000 marks (\$1,350) or by onat that nistitution Saturday evening after year's imprisonment.

saved \$50 working in the harvest fields. MORE FUNDS RECEIVED He turned \$25 over to Captain Kline for FOR BELGIANS' RELIEF

Following is the semi-weekly report of Belgian relief money received at Lincoln:

peared at the home and asked for something to eat and a place to sleep. Captain Kline provided the fellow with both, and in the morning, despite the fact that he was in no condition to work, then the

The Day's War News

Italy's attitude in the European war has aga'n become a source of concern in view of Premier Salandra's declaration that his country was in no way bound to fight with Germany and Austria.

The newest phase of the war, so far as was indicated by the day's dispatches, is heavy fighting in Alsace, where the French have succeeded in maintaining a foothold on German territory since the opening of hostilities.

Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the Germans who fought their way out of the Russiap trap performed a most desperate and valorous feat. The heavy force southeast of Lodz, which was hemmed in, is said to have cut its way with bayonets, step by step, for fifteen miles.

The desperate character of the hand-tohand fighting in assaults on trenches, the use of hand grenades and bomb-throwing machines are described in a British official eye witness report issued today, which also discloses that the allies are using tunnel-boring appartus for subterranean approach to the German entrenchments.

Today's announcements from the French and German War offices contain claims of progress on both sides. At one point north of the Lys, says the French report, an advance of 500 yardsa noteworthy movement in view of the character of the operations -was made.

GAP ON THE RIGHT

Troops Rushed to Fill Breech Between Main Army and the Body Isolated.

TWO DAYS' BATTLE AT LASK

sion of Town Near Lodg-Lines Are Closely Drawn in East Prussta.

or twenty miles long, east of the Warts, the fighting appears to indicate that the The startal carried eight twelve-inch Germans have been heavily reinforced guns, sixteen four-inch guns and three and that they are filling the gap between twenty-one-inch torpedo tubes. The Auswhich has been striving to turn the Russian left.

Lines Closely Drawn The German defense on the northern front in East Prussia occupies a posttion along the river Angeraph from Gumbinen to Darkehmen and thence to the northern extremity of the Mazurian lakes at Angerburg. Here the Russians are entrenched close to the German line. On the east front of the lakes and to the Vistula the Russians have taken a position slightly back of their line of advance of ten days ago. Both sides appear to be awaiting the outcome of the struggle at Lodz. The main German forces in this region are concentrated about Miawa. The military critic of the Bourse Gazette reckons that the loss of the Austrians in prisoners is equal to their number of dead and wounded, and places the fighting strength of Austria now at

ning of the war. Cites Small Per Cent of Loss. He cites the amailer percentage of Austrian artillery falling into Russian hands and says this is accounted for by an explanation in a recent issue of the official war messenger, that since the second Austrian retreat from Poland, the Austrian artillery is always withdrawn from the field before the final issue of the battle. This, he declares, amounts to beginning a retreat before they are actually

two-thirds of what it was at the begin-

The critic also points out the large proportion of officers, including colonels and lieutenant colonels, among the prisoners. The Belgian relief committee has al- as indicating the demoralisation of the ready shipped 2,900 sacks of flour to Bel- Austrian army and the less of the fighting spirit.

Little Human Interest Stories of the Big World War Now Raging

Fight in Two Feet of Snow. GENEVA (Via Paris), Dec. 5.-During the last three days there has been a slow but general movement of the French in Alsace against the German landwehr forces. The movement also has begun if check for \$10, signed Will Irwin, and Lorraine, Burnhampts, near Thann, with five miles of railroad, was captured yesterday. The Vosges mountains are deep in snow and at Tete de Faux, near Coldy Bonhomme, at an altitude of 7,860 feet, the advance guards of the armies men in the trenches in Alsace are suffering greatly from the cold.

appreciate it," said Captain Kline. "Irwin. has made good and I only hope that I VIENNA (Via London), Dec. 5 .- Th Austrian government has confiscated the entire output of oil in Austria-Hungary Refiners have been forbidden to supply oil to the trade. The stocks in the hands anti-Austro-German. Deputy Chiesa in rapidly. People of the city are respond- of dealers will be exhausted within ten

> Celebrate Victory in Vienna. by the Austrian forces was published. Justus in Trieste.

Throughout the city the streets were decorated with flags. The newspapers were filled with praise of the Austro-Hungary troops.

Boy's Wish Not Gratified. ROME, Dec. 5.-The Giornale D'Italia says that a soldier from Triste, who was at the front in Galicia, wrote to his mother expressing a great desire to see her again and saying he was ready to be taken prisoner if by doing so he would are fighting in snow two feet deep. The be able to embrace her once more. The letter reached the mother with this addition from the Austrian general staff: "The soldier was shot November 24,

> Italian Delegate Is Militant. ROME, Dec. 4.—The speeches made in the Chamber of Deputies were strongly out of the present tragic events preparations for the formation of a future United States of Europe. Deputy Calajanni de-

BATTLE OF LODZ MOST BLOODY OF THE ENTIRE WAR

Allies Now Say Operations in Northern Poland Resulted in Strategic Defeat for Germans.

SITUATION IS APPARENTLY SAME

Reports from British Observers Indicate that Conditions Are Unchanged from Week Ago.

LOSS OF LIFE IS ENORMOUS

Germans Fight Way Through Russian Lines Over Heaped-Up Bodies of Comrades.

GALICIA CAMPAIGN IS STILL ON Przemysl and Cracow Bar Russian Invasion of Hungary.

SERVIAN ARMY IS REINFORCED

Official Report from Vienna Ade mits Pursuit of Retreating Serbs is Covered by a Strong Hosttle Force.

LONDON, Dec. 5 .- While reports continue to come into London that the battle of Lods has ended in a Russian victory, any official conf'rmation still is lacking, and it is apparent to British observers that conditions in the north of Poland today are virtually the same as they were a week ago, after the German army had been saved from overwhelming defeat by the brilliant operations of General Mackenzen.

Details of the Lodz fighting are beginning to filter through, and they easily prove it to have been the most bloody struggle of the entire war. The Germans are described as fighting their way through the Russian lines over the heaped-up bodies of their comrades. Berlin claims heavy captures of prisoners in this struggle, while from Kiev comes the announcement that the fortress there is crowded with German prisoners. Incidentally, Kiev reports that since the beginning of the war 130,000 soldiers and 2,500 officers have PETROGRAD, Dec. 8 .- (Via London.) - passed through Kiev as prisoners of The heaviest fighting in the vicinity of war. The allies have ceased claimcurred in the course of maneuvering for Poland, but they do assert that the the possession of Lask, fifteen miles operations there have been a strat-southwest of Lods. egic defeat for Germany and tactical

> Procesys! and Cracow Intact. have been diverted from their attacks in Gallets and the invasion of Hungary, but the fortresses of Przemysl and Cracow still are intact and are likely to put up a stronger defense against the Rus than did the Belgian forts against the Germans. Unless a decisive defeat can be inflicted on the Austrian army at Czenstochowa, it is argued in London, it is not probable that the Russian army of the south will be in a position to begin any serious invasion of Silesia until Cracow has been reduced.

An eye witness with the British forces in France reports that both sides in West Flanders are engaged in siege operations, and that the Germans have almost entirely abandoned their infantry assault in force along the western battle front. Austrian Advance Halted.

An official report from Vienna admitts that the advance of the Austrians has been prevented by violent attacks from hostile forces covering the Servian retreat. No hint is given as to the identity of these forces, but the opinion is expressed in London that Russian aid has reached the sorely pressed Serbs. Berlin reports that such help will be no longer possible, for the reason that the blowing up of the great tunnel near Tekija has blocked communication with Roumania and made impossible the passage of Russian transports along the

American Steel Men to France to Figure on Bridge Building

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.-Frederick Holbrook and William S. Patten of the Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins corporation; A. B. Adams, a contractor, and three representatives of the Lackawana Steel company, sailed on the Luzitania today for France, where, it is reported, they will visit the battlefields, and later submit bids to the French government for the reconstruction of bridges destroyed by armies of the allies and by Germany

The proposed contract will call for an immense amount of work and the shipment of millions of dollars worth of American Steel to France, it is said. Representatives of the Lankawanna Steel mpany would not confirm or deny the report previous to the sailing of the

Taft for Moderate Military Increase

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.-Moderate inreases in the strength of the army and navy of the United States were advocated by former President William H. Taft, in an address tonight at the university dinner of the Brooklyn Young his speech, said he desired to see grow Men's Christian association, at which he was the quest of honor.

Mr. Taft indicated lack of sympathy with the contention that the country was VIENNA (Via London), Dec. 5.—There ciared, amid thunders of applause, that virtually defenceless as its armed forces was great jubilation in Vienna when he hoped soon the Italian tri-color should now stood, but he thought improvement numbers of Germans gut out of the trup, ardor superior to that of the attacking just been sent east and another will fol- the news of the occupation of Beigrade wave from the top of the tower of St. in our military and naval resources should be brought about to a certain degree,